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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th November 1865.

No. 686. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department:—

Intimating that there is no apparent reason why the Church at Tuticorin should not be put into repair, and calling for a revised estimate. (Here enter 22nd November 1865, No. 312.)

No. 687. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1865, No. 3,608.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 100.

The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division is requested to obtain and submit a revised estimate for repairing the Church at Tuticorin, as directed in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with two Enclosures.

Etd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Ecclesiastical Department,
22nd November 1865.

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Kodacanel, 23rd September 1865, No. 1160.

In reply to G. O., No. 1804, of 29th June 1865, I have the honor to report that the Church at Tuticorin is an old Dutch building; the main portion is 60 x 31 feet; there are also two transepts and a chancel.

Enclosures 2.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.

2. The transepts are terraced while the central part is tiled, and the roof has for years leaked at the point where the two are joined; the pillar in the middle of this space has consequently suffered. Efforts were made to stop this in 1862, as pointed out by Government in No. 160, 20th June, but ineffectually.

3. From all I can gather the leaking is confined to this and a few other spots, but any moving of the tiles is likely to cause leakage elsewhere.

4. To carry out the wishes of the Chaplain and one Lay Trustee (the other, Mr. Underwood, does not agree with his colleagues) will cost Rupees 1150, and, after all, matters will, in my opinion, be left in an unsatisfactory condition.

5. White-wash will not adhere to the walls which are of coral strongly saturated with saline matter; and in a short period the whole work is likely to look as worn as it and most other buildings in Tuticorin now do.

6. I believe it would be better economy to pull down the present church and build another, much of the materials might be utilized, but I cannot supply any funds.

Referred to the Ecclesiastical Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 160, dated 23rd June 1865.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th October 1865.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Col., R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1865, No. 312.

The Governor in Council is not satisfied of the impossibility of erectually repairing the Church at Tuticorin, nor can he reconcile the recommendation made by Lieutenant Colonel Moberly, that the Church should be pulled down, with the statement made by the District Engineer in 1861, that the building was a "very substantial" one, and the "masonry without flaws of any kind."

2. Adverting to the remarks in paragraph 5 of Colonel Moberly's letter, that white-wash will not adhere to the walls which are of coral, the Governor in Council sees no reason why the coral masonry should be white-washed. It is stated that there is only one leak of any importance, and there is no apparent reason why the Church should not be put into thorough and durable repair.

3. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the preparation of a fresh estimate, with reference to the foregoing remarks.

(True Extract).

H. J. Burns
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with an estimate and a plan, returned.
" Venerable the Archdeacon.

Enl. J. H. Burns.

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